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Honorable Bruce Babbitt, Secretary  
Department of Interior  
1849 C Street, N.W.  
Washington DC 20240

Dear Secretary Babbitt:

We are writing to request an opportunity to meet with you to discuss ongoing negotiations regarding CALFED, CVPIA, and other related California water issues and to assure adequate representation of our communities' perspectives.

For several months, state and federal agency representatives have been meeting to discuss these important water issues, and will be making major decisions in the coming weeks and months. We applaud the state and federal administrations for addressing these pressing water and environmental concerns and for providing a high level of involvement. These negotiations have not been restricted, however, to state and federal administration representatives. The views of the Central Valley, irrigated agriculture and other water interests have been represented by Congressman Gary Condit, his staff and Keith Brackpool.

We remain fully committed to working with you to develop a balanced and an environmentally and economically credible CALFED plan. As you know, given the complexity of these issues, developing balanced solutions requires assuring that a full range of voices are adequately represented in the process. Such balanced processes have led to the Bay-Delta Accord, Proposition 204, the recent water bond, and the Bay-Delta Act. We believe that the perspectives of the environmental community and commercial fishermen and recreational anglers must be represented in these discussions, in a manner comparable to representation for other interests. We would greatly appreciate an opportunity to speak with you about this as soon as possible. We will contact your office regarding a meeting. We have made a similar request of Susan Kennedy.

Thank you for your commitment to finding balanced and workable solutions to strengthen both the California economy and environment.

Sincerely,

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